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FROM : Information Control, OSO
COUNTRY : Germany (Russian Zone)
SUBJECT : Tightening of Soviet Security by the Soviet
Military Administration for Germany

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EVALUATION :

1. Two separate orders dealing with security precautions were issued on 27 June 1947 and 3 July 1947, by the Deputy Chief to the Commander, SMA for Germany, General DRAVIN. All chiefs of sections and subsections within the SMA were required to read a copy of these orders to their employees. Attention was drawn to the fact that recently various Allied intelligence agencies have endeavored to penetrate soviet organizations by using agents, primarily Germans employed by soviet offices. Mention was made of one such group of eleven Germans which was successfully liquidated by soviet counter-intelligence in Dresden. In view of such aggressive action by foreign intelligence agents, all soviet military and civilian personnel were ordered to observe strictly all security precautions, e.g. fire-proof file cabinets, systematic records of circulation of all secret documents, additional security duties, and security lectures.

2. The second security order issued by General DRAVIN reviewed the previously mentioned security threats from foreign intelligence agents, and ordered all Soviet military and civilian personnel to evacuate their quarters promptly, if living with German families, and to move to assigned billets in a guarded Soviet compound. Living outside the compound is henceforth strictly forbidden.

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NOTE: This move was actually accomplished in August and was reported in detail by the daily press in Berlin. It resulted in the requisitioning of considerable real estate in all major German cities and caused great dissatisfaction among the population. No explanation was issued the German people on the necessity of this measure.

3. This order resulted in conferences held within all Soviet organizations. At a conference on 18-19 September 1947 of all provincial OVD heads, as well as chiefs of OVD (Directorate of Internal Affairs, MVD) Karlshorst sections and sub-sections, many security speeches were made and resolutions passed, one of which required all OVD personnel to move to Karlshorst immediately. Reports on the work of their sections were made by OVD (Internal Affairs Section) chiefs. 25X1

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NOTE: [redacted] the general OVD moving order has not been carried out, as no one is anxious to move into a guarded compound. 25X1

4. On 4 and 5 July 1947, Party Organization (PARTORG) meetings were held in Karlshorst. Speeches were delivered on "Failure of Party Organizations to Carry out Properly Security Measures".

5. Security and general clean-up orders were issued to Karlshorst OVD departments in preparation for an expected inspection by a high-ranking Moscow official. Deputy Minister of MVD, USSR, KADULOV, made the inspection visit during the last week of August, however, he spent his time primarily in conferences with Major General YALOV.

6. Lt. Col. PANYASHEN and Captain OKULOVICH, representatives of GUK, MVD, USSR (Glavnoye Upravleniye Kadrov - Chief Personnel Directorates) arrived from Moscow the week of the 7-15 September 1947 and interviewed certain employees of the OVD, MVD. They came apparently prepared to check on activities of individuals whose present and past activities are under surveillance. 25X1

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8. SMA General Orders (Prikaz), describing certain treacheries, desertions, etc., committed by Soviet citizens against the USSR, continue to be circulated or read to Soviet personnel, as standard operating procedure in Soviet commands.

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NOTE: The psychological reason behind this practice is questionable; apparently it is designed to impress the individual that he is surrounded with capitalist spies who are regularly caught by efficient Soviet intelligence organizations and brought to justice.

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